GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:110
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COMPLETION OF COCHIN-MADURAI NATIONAL HIGHWAY
GEORGE EDEN

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any action plan for the completion of Cochin-Madurai National Highway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the land for the Cochin-Madurai National Highway is likely to be acquired; and

(d) the total amount earmarked for that project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) & (b) : Development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process andthe works are taken up in a phased manner depending upon traffic intensity, inter- se priority and availability of funds. For development of this National Highway at present 6 numbers of works amounting to about Rs.5.60 Crore in Kerala portion and 2 works amounting to Rs.4.68 Crore in Tamil Nadu portion are in different stages of progress. During the current year 2 improvement works amounting to Rs.3.80 Crore have recently been sanctioned in Tamil Nadu portion. For Kerala portion the Annual Plan 2001-2002 also includes for different improvement works for this National Highway amounting to Rs. 13.00 Crore.

(c): At present, there is no proposal for sanction for acquisition of land in this National Highway due to constraints of funds. It is, therefore, too early to indicate the time frame for completion of the land acquisition.

(d) : Does not arise.